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removal tool operable to remove a portion of said protective coating without damage to said underlying data, and a disc advancement mechanism to allow said digital disc to be operated upon at both said first workstation and at a second and successive workstation.

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16. [Twice amended] Method for reconditioning a protective coating on a compact disc with data underlying said protective coating, said method comprising positioning said disc in a first workstation, bringing a first tool into contact with said protective coating in a first operation to remove a portion of said protective coating without damaging said underlying data and subsequently operating upon said protective coating of said compact disc at a subsequent work station when said first tool has completed said first operation by automatic movement between said first and subsequent workstations.

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19. [Twice Amended] Method of reconditioning a plurality of digital discs which have had protective coatings damaged thereby resulting in a misread or a non-read of data on said discs underlying said protective coatings, said method comprising obtaining said digital discs from a source of digital discs, transferring said digital discs from said source to a protective coating reconditioning machine, reconditioning said protective coatings of said digital discs in said reconditioning machine by the removal of a predetermined amount of said protective coating at a first workstation without damaging said underlying data and automatically working on said discs at a second and successive workstation in a reconditioning process to obtain reconditioned discs and returning said reconditioned discs